

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by: (HS)

## AN ACT PROVIDING STATE-FUNDED MEDICAL COVERAGE TO CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 17b-261 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 3 1, 2009):
- 4 (h) Medical assistance shall be provided, in accordance with the
- 5 provisions of subsection (e) of section 17a-6, to any child under the
- 6 supervision of the Commissioner of Children and Families who is not
- 7 receiving Medicaid benefits, has not yet qualified for Medicaid benefits
- 8 or is otherwise ineligible for such benefits. [because of institutional
- 9 status.] Medical assistance shall also be provided to any child in the
- 10 voluntary services program operated by the Department of
- 11 Developmental Services who is not receiving Medicaid benefits, has
- 12 <u>not yet qualified for Medicaid benefits or is otherwise ineligible for</u>
- 13 <u>benefits</u>. To the extent practicable, the Commissioner of Children and

- 14 Families and the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall apply
- 15 for, or assist such child in qualifying for, the Medicaid program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:					
Sect	ion 1	July 1, 2009		17b-261(h)	

## Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility for state-funded medical assistance to include children under the care and supervision of the Department of Developmental Services who are ineligible for Medicaid.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]